(b) A Special Investigation Team of Audit had in their Report indicated that paper worth Rs. 22.05 lakhs procured prior to 1996 was lying unutilized in various Govt. of India Presses. The team had apprehended that the quality of paper might have deteriorated. In reply, audit has been informed on 3.9.2001 that the paper has not lost its quality and utility. There is no indication in this Report about any paper having gone waste during the process of printing as a result of deterioration. Also there is no mention in this report about consumption hovering around 31 to 44%.

(c) In view of (b) above the question does not arise.

Low Occupancy of Flats in Dwarka Sub-City

597. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of flats constructed by the DDA and various Cooperative Group Housing Societies in the various sectors of Dwarka sub-city;

(b) the number of flats allotted and occupation given under these two categories;

(c) whether it is a fact that the rate of occupancy is low with large number of flats lying vacant;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to remove the infrastructure inadequacies, if any, responsible for the low occupancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) DDA has constructed 28,143 flats in Dwarka Zone. Further, 330 Group Housing Societies have been allotted land for construction of 37,700 flats.

(b) 28,143 flats have been allotted by DDA through computerized draws from time to time out of which possession letters have been issued in 13,001 cases. The Group Housing Societies have allotted 29,917 flats by draw of lots upto 31.10.2002. The possession of the flats in Group housing Societies is to be given by the concerned

Society.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Rate of occupancy in Dwarka sub-city earlier remained low mainly because of delay in availability of electricity and water, non-availability of adequate approach, basic civic amenities like public transport, hospitals and dispensaries, schools, etc. However, as reported by DDA, basic infrastructural facilities like roads, water supply, sewerage and SW drains have already been completed by it to facilitate early occupation of residential areas. Water and electricity are also available. Land of educational institutions, health services, DTC terminals, Police Stations, Post Offices and telephone exchanges, etc. has already been handed over to the concerned Departments. Approach road/construction of flyovers are in various stages of progress.

Overlapping Jurisdiction of Municipal Bodies and Urban Development Authorities

598. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the urban local self institutions the country have become weak over the years due to overlapping of jurisdiction of municipal bodies and urban development authorities which has resulted in unplanned and uncontrolled growth in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details of the directions given/proposed to be given by Government to the States to ensure that Municipal bodies in various States retain their original powers in planning and controlling the constructions in their areas of jurisdiction; and

(c) the recommendation of the recent Zonal conference of Urban Development Ministers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) As per Entry-5 of the State List of Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, Municipality is a State subject. The Urban Local Bodies and Urban Development Authorities work within the sphere of their jurisdiction as provided in the concerned State Laws. To strengthen